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Confirmation No.: 6876)
For: TUBE COUPLINGS)
Examiner: James M. Hewitt)

TRANSMITTAL FOR AMENDMENT "A" AND RESPONSE

Mail Stop AMENDMENT
Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Transmitted herewith is an Amendment "A" and Response for entry in the above-identified application.

- Small entity status of this application under 37 C.F.R. § 1.9 and § 1.27 has been established by a verified statement previously submitted.
- Set of three (3) sheets of replacement drawings containing Figures 1, 3, and 4 including the proposed amendments therein; and
- A duplicate set of the three (3) sheets of annotated drawings showing the changes therein.
- A set of three (3) sheets of new drawings containing Figures 6-8.

X To render the transmitted Amendment "A" and Response timely filed enclosed are the following:

- X Petition for a Three-Month Extension of Time; and
- X Form PTO-2038 submitting Credit Card Payment in the amount of \$1,020.00 to cover the fee for the extension of time.
- X A Certificate of Express Mailing under 37 CFR § 1.10.
- No other fee is required.

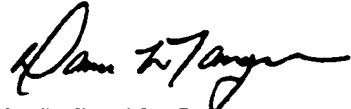
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			TOTAL		TOTAL	

- Form PTO-2038 submitting Credit Card Payment in the amount of \$_____ is enclosed to cover the additional claim fee.
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- X The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge payment of the following fees associated with this communication or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 23-3178.
- X Any filing fees under 37 CFR 1.16 for the presentation of extra claims.
- X Any patent application processing fees under 37 CFR 1.17.
- X A duplicate copy of this transmittal letter is attached.

Dated this 13th day of October 2005.

Respectfully submitted,



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